

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Hifumi YASUMATSU et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**  
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RUBBER HOSE AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURE THEREOF  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows: